

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 9065

October 27, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes local education agencies (LEAs) to implement COVID-19 health and safety protocols, including mask mandates. Provides immunity to LEAs and LEA board members from liability in civil actions regarding any implemented COVID-19 health and safety protocols that are made in good faith.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – The precise decrease in local expenditures, if any, resulting from a decrease in liability for LEAs and board members cannot be reasonably determined.

Assumptions:

- LEAs currently hold the authority to implement COVID-19 health and safety protocols, including mask mandates. Any fiscal impact as a result of this portion of the proposed legislation is considered to be not significant.
- There are current civil lawsuits brought against at least one LEA and members of its board regarding the mask mandates and COVID-19 health and safety protocols for schools.
- The extent to which the immunity provided in this legislation decreases the expenditures of the LEA or results in a different verdict in the case is unknown. Therefore, any fiscal impact cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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